[Mr. S. Sundararajan].

81. *Buildings and Communications.* (i) The road policy of Government has been both forward and far-reaching and aims not only at aiding the transport to earn its revenue by minimising working expenses, but confers all the benefits on the entire people affected by the traffic in the roads.

The first step in this direction is providing dustless surfacing to the Main Southern Road. This work which was taken up towards the close of last year is showing rapid progress and the full allotment of Rs 7 lakhs provided this year is expected to be spent and the work completed during the latter half of 1116. A provision of Rs 7·75 lakhs is accordingly made on this account.

(ii) A sum of Rs 15,000 is provided in the budget of next year to settle liabilities and close the accounts of the Council Chamber work and another Rs 30,000 earmarked for the construction of the Tobacco Bankshall.

(iii) *University buildings.* The programme of reorganisation of the Public Works Department Workshops in co-ordination with the Faculty of Technology is being carried out and improvements and special repairs to various buildings under the control of the University proceed apace. The total outlay to end of this year is expected to be Rs 1·17 lakhs and another lakh will be spent next year.

(iv) *Military buildings.* The construction of buildings inside the State Forces Head Quarters at Pangode is being continued strictly in accordance with the programme approved by the Government and the Army Committee and an amount of Rs 1·30 lakhs is expected to be spent this year on the works. The extent of future commitments on the scheme is however a little obscure in the present conditions, but a lump sum of Rs 2 lakhs has been provided in the budget which I expect will be fully spent.

Electrical Schemes.

82. *Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme.* Almost all the works in connection with the first stage of the development of the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Project were completed and the scheme brought into commercial operation from the 19th March 1940. The entire load of the Quilon Electric Supply was changed over to the Hydro Electric Supply system by the 3rd May. The whole distribution net work of the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company was connected to the Pallivasal system on the 13th April and the Kottayam Electric Supply Licensee changed over to Hydro Electric power on the

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17th. All the thermal plants which were supplying power to the areas covered by the Pallivasal net work have now been shut down. The total capital outlay on the scheme including Civil and Electrical works is expected to stand at Rs 137·05 lakhs at the close of this year and for the next year a provision of Rs 17·52 lakhs has been made.

83. *Trivandrum Electric Supply.* The total capital outlay on this scheme is expected to stand at Rs 11·08 lakhs at the end of the current year and an expenditure of Rs 0·43 of a lakh budgeted for the next year.

84. *Telephone Schemes.* The major portion of the work in connection with the Trunk Telephone Scheme has been completed and the system was connected with British India Trunk during April 1940 from which date the Trivandrum Telephone became merged in the Trunk system. There are now 507 miles of Trunk line circuits, 24 public call offices, 4 main and 6 sub exchanges. The total capital expenditure at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 8·82 lakhs. An amount of Rs 4·45 lakhs is budgeted for the next year.

85. *Broadcasting Scheme.* Negotiations for the purchase and shipment of the equipment proceeded up to a certain stage. It is now definitely known that it will not be available for the present. It is accordingly proposed to carry on only the building programme for which a provision of Rs 50,000 has been made.

86. *The Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory.* The Public Works Department expect to incur an outlay of Rs 10,000 in respect of the works which they have still to complete. Over and above these, with a view to increasing the output of clay, a provision of Rs 1·75 lakhs has been made for the next year and the provision will be utilised in the purchase of machines, extension and improvements to the existing channels and for other construction works in the factory.

87. *Commercial Transport.* A provision of Rs 2·5 lakhs has been made for the next year mainly for construction works and for purchase of plant and machinery.

Financing of Capital Works.

88. It has been the policy of Government to find money for the capital programmes from the balances and surplus investments and to borrow from open market only when absolutely necessary. We accordingly provided for withdrawing Rs 25 lakhs from our surplus investments. In view of the rapid progress and further acceleration anticipated in

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